

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USBERL 00986 220227Z

72(42S)

ACTION PRS-01

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 SS-15 SP-02 NSC-05 EUR-12

/036 W

----- 006596

O R 211620Z MAY 75ZDK

FM USMISSION USBERLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 950

AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

INFO USIA WASHDC

AMEMBASSY BONN

UNCLAS USBERLIN 986

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMMISSION PARA 8, )

DEPARTMENT PASS NSCE FOR GENERAL SCOWCRAFT AND NESSEN;  
ANKARA FOR ANDERSON; USIA FOR IPS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT - OFFICIAL TEXT

REF: STATE 113022

FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ADDRESS BY PETER LORENZ,  
PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GIVEN PRIOR TO  
THE ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

"THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE FREELY ELECTED  
PARLIAMENT OF THE FREE PART OF BERLIN, EXTENDS A VERY  
CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE  
HENRY KISSINGER.

THIS WELCOME IS EXTENDED WITH EQUAL CORDIALITY TO YOU,  
MRS. KISSINGER. I ALSO WELCOME THE AMBASSADOR OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
GERMANY, MR. MARTIN HILLENBRAND, THE COMMANDANTS OF OUR  
THREE PROTECTING POWERS, AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USBERL 00986 220227Z

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HERR HANS DIETRICH GENSCHER.

I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GREAT PLEASURE AT HAVING THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH US. WE REGARD YOUR VISIT TO BERLIN AS A RENEWAL OF THE UNITED STATES', OUR PROTECTING POWER'S, GUARANTEES AND COMMITMENT FOR BERLIN. FOR EACH AND EVERY INHABITANT OF THIS CITY YOUR PRESENCE IN BERLIN IS AN ADDITIONAL INDICATION OF THE CONTINUED PLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TO SAFEGUARD THE FREEDOM OF BERLIN.

IT IS NOT BY CHANCE THAT WE IN WEST BERLIN LIVE IN A FREE SOCIETY. POST-WAR HISTORY OFTEN CONFLICTED WITH THE FREEDOM OF THIS CITY AND THERE WERE EVENTS WHICH POSED EXTREME THREATS TO THIS FREEDOM, SUCH AS THE BLOCKADE AND THE CHRUSHCHEV ULTIMATUM.

THE FREEDOM OF WEST BERLIN WAS MAINTAINED

- BECAUSE ITS CITIZENS WANTED TO REMAIN FREE

-BECAUSE EACH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STOOD BY BERLIN

- BECAUSE THE CITIZENS OF THE FREE WORLD MADE THE FREEDOM OF BERLIN THEIR CAUSE, AND

-BECAUSE OUR THREE PROTECTING POWERS CONSISTENTLY AND UNSHAKEABLY SUPPORTED THIS WILL FOR FREEDOM.

ALLOW ME TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF YOUR PRESENCE TO EXPRESS ONCE MORE THE GRATITUDE OF THE BERLINERS FOR THE SACRIFICES AND THE DEDICATION OF, IN PARTICULAR, OUR AMERICAN PROTECTING POWER. OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES IS UNSHAKEN.

IN THE WAKE OF EVENTS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA SOME PEOPLE ANXIOUSLY WONDERED HOW SAFE THIS WEST BERLIN IS, AND THUS THE FREE WORLD. I AVOW FOR THIS HOUSE AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY: WE DO NOT DOUBT THE GUARANTEES OF OUR PROTECTING POWERS.

JUST RECENTLY YOU, MR. SECRETARY, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 USBERL 00986 220227Z

GAVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND WHICH CONFIRM US IN THIS CONVICTION. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE SAFETY OF BERLIN CONTINUES TO BE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. AND WE SHALL COUNT ON YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE FUTURE WHEN WE ARE CONCERNED WITH MAINTAINING THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN OUR CITY, STRENGTHENING THE VIABILITY OF BERLIN AND WHEN WE ARE CONCERNED WITH OFFSETTING LOSSES OF FUNCTION OF THE

CITY BY ESTABLISHING FURTHER SUPRA-REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FACILITIES.

GERMANS OF MY GENERATION GREW UP IN A DICTATORSHIP. YOU YOURSELF, MR. SECRETARY, WERE PERSONALLY AFFECTED BY IT. WE EXPERIENCED ITS DOWNFALL. AFTER 1945 WE HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE NEW DEMOCRATIC ORDER IN OUR PART OF THE COUNTRY, WHILE WITNESSING AT THE SAME TIME THE BEGINNING OF THE DIVISION OF OU|UC

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SPEECHES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 MAY 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975USBERL00986  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750179-0118  
**From:** USBERLIN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750529/aaaabahp.tel  
**Line Count:** 117  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION PRS  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 STATE 113022  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** SmithRJ  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 30 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <30 JUL 2003 by BalzMJ>; APPROVED <23 JAN 2004 by SmithRJ>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SECVISIT - OFFICIAL TEXT  
**TAGS:** OVIP, GE, (KISSINGER, HENRY A), (LORENZ, PETER)  
**To:** STATE ANKARA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006